Scheme, privatization of hospital management, and introduction of IMP system are at different stages of examination for implementation.

Recovery of P.F. Dues

1936. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of PF dues is being termed as 'Unrelisable arrears' by the PF Organisation;

(b) if so, what is the exact amount till date that has been declared to be beyond recovery;

(c) whether many renowned private companies are involved in such malpractice; and

(d) if so, whether Government are planning some stringent measures to recover the PF dues and save interest of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) An amount of Rs. 945.43 crore which includes arrears of establishments in private sector, in currently locked up as arrears due to various legal provisions such as pendency of cases before Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), stay orders granted by the Courts, liquidation proceedings, etc. These dues are not immediately realisable but are collected in due course.

(d) Necessary legal and penal action as provided under the various Sections of the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 as also under Indian Penal Code where necessary, is taken against the defaulting employers.

Change in Social Security Schemes

1937. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are bringing out a radical change in the social security schemes covering the workers;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a change;

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government for expanding the list of notified classes of industry to which social security can be extended; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Some changes in the Employees Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 are contemplated, so as to widen the scope and streamline the implementation of the provisions of the Act.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Training of Officers at Asian Institute of Management Manila

1938. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many officers are being sent for training to the Asian Institute of Management, Manila in 2001-2002;

(b) the expenditure likely to be incurred on their training this year; and

(c) the reasons for incurring so much expenditure to train these officers abroad, when there are better training institutions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) 10 officers have been deputed to attend the training at the Asian Institute of Management, Manila in the year 2001-2002.

(b) The total expenditure likely to be incurred on their training is approximately Rs. 106.69 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 73.58 lakhs has already been spent and another Rs. 33.11 lakhs towards allowances will be released in instalments.

(c) A large number of training programmes are being successfully